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PREFACE

The material in this release has been taken from the current files of 16 Cleveland newspapers, studied by the Cleveland Foreign Language Newspaper Digest, and has been selected from the abstracts being compiled for the regular digest volumes. The purpose of these releases is to make readily available opinion on topics of current interest expressed in the newspapers studied. Twelve of these newspapers, printed in ten foreign languages, are publications of nationality groups and four speak for the Negroes of Cleveland.

The items presented under each subject are listed chronologically under the name of the name of the newspapers from which they have been taken. The figures following the date in the reference citation, preceding each item, refer to the page and column location. For example, June 29: 1/1,2; 2/1,2 - indicates that the original article appeared in the June 29 issue on page 1, columns 1 and 2, and was continued on page 2, columns 1 and 2. The figures in parenthesis at the end of each item indicate the length in column inches of the original article.

It will be noted that some of the newspapers are not represented under the selected subjects. The reason for this is not necessarily that these papers have not commented on the subject, but that — as in the case of weeklies — comment might appear in issues published later than July 19.

The list of newspapers surveyed and information concerning them follows:

Foreign-Language Newspapers

AMERICA is a Rumanian paper, founded in 1906. It is a four-page triweekly, page size 15 by 21 inches. The editor is J. N. Barbu.

AMERISKA DOMOVINA (American Home) is a Slovenian paper. It is successor to Nasa Beseda (Our Word) founded in 1898, the Nova Domovina (New Home), the Amerika (America), and the Clevelandska Amerika (Cleveland America). It is an eight-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editors are James Debevec and Frank Turek.

BRATSTVO (Brotherhood), successor to the Rodina (Family) founded in 1927, is a Carpatho-Russian paper. It is a 20-page monthly, page size 7 by 10 inches. Vasilij Racin is the editor.

ENAKOPRAVNOST (Equality) is a Slovenian paper, founded in 1918. It is an eight-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Anton Sabec.

FOAIA POPORULUI (The People's News) is a Rumanian newspaper founded in 1911. It is a six-page weekly, page size 13 by 19 inches. The editor is George M. Ungureanu.

HLAS (Voice) is a Slovak paper, founded in 1933. It is a six-page weekly, page size 15 by 21 inches. The editors are John Pankuch and Charles Belohlavek.

L'ARALDO (The Herald) is an Italian paper, founded in 1938. It is a 16-page weekly, page size 16 by 10. The editor is Matteo Teresi.

SVET-AMERICAN (World-American), successor to the American founded in 1899, and the Svet founded in 1911, is a Czech paper. It is a six-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editors are Frank J. Kutak and Oscar A. Niederle.

WAECHTER UND ANZEIGER (Sentinel and Advertiser), successor to the Waechter am Erie founded in 1852, and the Clevelander Anzeiger founded in 1870, is a German paper, founded in 1892. It is a six-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Prosper Schoeb.

SZABADSAG (Liberty) is a Hungarian paper, founded in 1891. It is a six-page daily, page size 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Zoltan Gombos.

WIADOMOSCI CODZIENNE (Daily News) is a Polish paper, founded in 1915. It is a six-page daily, page size 18 by 23 inches. The editor is Z. M. Dybowski.

YIDISHE WELT (Jewish World) is a Yiddish paper, founded in 1912. It is a six-page daily, page size 17 by 21 inches. The editor is Chaim Hurwitz.

Negro Newspapers

CALL AND POST, successor to the Call founded in 1921 and the Post founded in 1926, is a weekly founded in 1927. It is a 22-page paper, page size 17 by 23 inches. The editor is William O. Walker.

GAZETTE is a four-page weekly, founded in 1883. The page size is 16 by 21 inches. The editor is Harry C. Smith.

GUIDE is a 12-page weekly, page size 16 by 21 inches, founded in 1929. The editor is Eugene Francis Cheeks.

HERALD is a four-page weekly, page size 16 by 21 inches, founded in 1939. The editor is Ormond A. Forte.

COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS
From the Cleveland Foreign-Language Press

THE OCCUPATION OF ICELAND

CZECH: Svet-American

July 12: 2/1-4 - George Washington in his farewell message warned the American nation not to get entangled in European affairs. Although the American nation guided itself by this good advice, it did not avoid a war with England in 1812, and another with Spain in 1898.

During President Cleveland's term, Venezuela did not fulfil certain obligations toward England, who threatened to land soldiers to exact her demands by force. Richard Olney, at that time American secretary of state, so energetically opposed this action that England got off her high horse and the quarrel was settled in a conciliatory way.

The United States recently occupied Iceland, an island lying near the demarcation line between the western and the eastern hemispheres, and this did not create as great a commotion as did Olney's threat.

That part of the Atlantic ocean in which Iceland lies was declared a war zone by Hitler, who has threatened to sink any ship carrying supplies for Great Britain.

The American nation convinced itself that Hitler's and Mussolini's promises not to attack the western hemisphere are worthless. President Roosevelt, doing everything possible to protect the western hemisphere against German aggression, decided to occupy Iceland when he found out that Germany intended to do so. Hitler has always done the unexpected thing. Something tells us that this time he himself was surprised by the action of the President and that he can expect more surprises if he wants to measure his strength with America's. (Editorial) (32)

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

July 16: 2/5 - In his criticism of American occupation of Iceland, Sen. Wheeler revealed important military secrets. As long as the senator conducts his criticism within the limits of decency, no matter how objectionable it might be, we do not doubt his good intentions and patriotism, but when, behind the immunity of his senatorial toga, he reveals military secrets and endangers the life of our soldiers, then the time has arrived to muzzle the gentleman as a dangerous individual, first by a warning and then, if this method does not prove successful, by impeachment on charges of treason. (Column by Jeno Lukacs) (6)

July 18: 2/1,2 - President Roosevelt, without consulting Congress, ordered the occupation of Iceland to safeguard the security of the western hemisphere.

Every step which made the United States great was taken with presidential initiative and subsequent congressional approval. The Louisiana purchase, the Monroe doctrine, the building of the Panama canal, the expulsion of Napoleon III from the western hemisphere were all based on presidential initiative. All these achievements were due to presidents who acted according to their conviction and constitutional authority. (Editorial) (32)

ITALIAN: L'Araldo

July 10: 1/1,2 - President Roosevelt does not recognize imaginary geographic lines in the realization of his plan to defend the western hemisphere. Consistent with this principle, the occupation of Iceland can be followed by the occupation of other strategic points without regard for geographic position. The occupation of Iceland has been denounced as actual intervention of the United States in European waters. We are, therefore, on the eve of a state of war, because "incidents" in the blockade zone cannot be prevented. The President, the Congress, and the people are up against their most difficult task and their greatest responsibility. In the stormy sea of events we have, fortunately, a reliable compass: democracy. Let us keep it always in sight, both to consult it and to defend it. (Article by Veritas) (12)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

July 9: 4/1,2 - Although talked of before, the occupation of Iceland by the U. S. navy came as a surprise. This step indicates the change of America's policies from talk to action and that change will probably decide the outcome of the war. With this act America indicated that she considers the Hitler menace serious and that she under no circumstances can look on, idly waiting for that menace to reach our doors. This act of our government will also aid in safe delivery of our war materials to England. (Editorial) (13)

July 11: 4/1,2 - Last week the world was informed by Sen. Wheeler of the intended occupation of Iceland by the United States. As we now know, the American navy at that time was on its way to carry out the occupation; broadcasting such a move meant publishing military secrets. Such an act might have jeopardized government plans and endangered the lives of the men transported by the government to do military duty.

Sen. Wheeler, speaking mildly, went a little too far. (Editorial)(9)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

July 8: 4/8 - The U. S. government awaits the reaction of Germany to the occupation of Iceland. If Hitler wants to declare war, now is his chance. America is willing to meet his challenge.

We doubt if the Nazis will declare war. At most they will try to blockade Iceland and sink American ships, leaving the declaration of war to America. Let the Nazis try to invade Iceland. America is ready for them! (Comment in news item) (4)

July 10: 2/2 - Hitler suffered a paroxysm of madness when he learned that America had occupied Iceland. How dared Roosevelt send troops there when Hitler had planned to grab it off for himself? What about the Monroe doctrine? "President Monroe will probably turn in his grave when he learns what Roosevelt did," say the Nazis.

"How dare he do this?" asks Gayda, Mussolini's yes-man. "Roosevelt said that Americans would not go into Europe, then they steal a march on us!"

This all proves that Hitler and his partners are angry, but America shows that she is smart when she refuses to listen to Hitler's promises. What America did in Iceland is only the beginning; Japan, also, will realize that we mean business. The time for appeasement has passed. America is on the warpath and waits for Hitler to start something. (Editorial)(14)

RUMANIAN: America

July 19: 2/5,6 - If the world only listened to the advice of its wise men, it would be saved much suffering and misery. By wise men we mean leaders such as Thomas G. Masaryk, president-liberator of Czecho-Slovakia, who belong to all free people. After the World War the allied statesmen decided not to follow up their victory by occupying Germany. To do so, they argued, would cost 100,000 lives. Masaryk said: "The omission will cost you more than 100,000 lives." The shambles of enslaved Europe stands today as grim testimony to Masaryk's warning. Had the democracies consolidated the peace, had they turned a deaf ear to the propaganda of "organized sympathy" which the hollow German republic carried on and which Hitler exploited to the limit, Europe would still be secure and unthreatened. Statements of Allied war and peace aims by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and others give reasons to believe that this error will not be repeated. But the lessons should be used not only in the final arbitration of the conflict, but in its conduct as well. Today in the United States two-by-four politicians are raising a great cry against every defense measure the administration takes. Sen. Taft of Ohio, Sen. Wheeler, Sen. Nye, and ex-Colonel Lindbergh are among the most vociferous of these. But the people stand behind the government in doing such things as occupying Iceland to guard the ship routes to Britain. This is only common sense; otherwise it remains possible for the Germans to undermine America's basic policy of sending goods to the Allies. Failure to act brings the danger of losing the war. Not only Iceland, but many other points such as Dakar, in Fremch West Africa, the Azores, and the Canary islands should be taken over to win the battle of the Atlantic and protect the western hemisphere. Such steps now will save much time, money, and lives in the future. (Unsigned article in English) (17)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

July 10: 2/1,2 - Roosevelt beat Hitler to Iceland. If Germany had occupied Iceland she would have endangered the United States' exports to England or would have stopped them altogether, because Iceland is the most important island in the North Atlantic. The President had full authority to take necessary steps for the safety of the United States.

Perhaps this is the first step toward war. If shooting between German and American ships results from this action, one might ask: Are the American armed forces prepared for war? (Editorial) (30)

SLOVAK: Hlas

July 10: 1/5,6 - This step of our President caused great surprise and indignation among our isolationists and babblers, who ought to be ashamed of their prattling and be grateful that the President is on guard and makes the necessary preparations to hinder Nazi plans. (Comment in news item)
(2)

THE QUESTION OF U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

July 11: 2/1,2 - England's request to America, "Give us the tools, and we'll do the job," does not seem to stand up any more, as Gen. Wavell and Sir Claude Auchinleck both frankly admit the necessity of an American expeditionary force. Gen. Auchinleck says: "The war must be won completely, not half. It must be brought to a decision on German soil, and, therefore, I am of the opinion that we are just as much in need of American soldiers as in the first World War. How we are to get to Germany is a different problem, but we will find ways and means."

The general obviously expects to find American boys on the European battle fields within the next year or two, ready to live and die for Great Britain. With the channel coast occupied by Germany, it may cost hundreds of thousands of American lives to invade the continent. They may break through France, the Netherlands, and possibly Norway and Denmark in order to save England from her worst adversary. After their job is done, the Yankees -- provided there are any left -- may return home, and England will reap the fruits of peace.

That's what the general thinks, but the American populace may be of a different opinion. (Editorial) (14)

July 11: 2/1,2 - Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox is one of those men who insists on putting his ideas into practice, and thus easily overshoots his goal. According to the U. S. Constitution only Congress has the right to declare war or to make any regulations connected with such a move. The President and his entire cabinet, including Mr. Knox, gave their oath of office to this effect. Apparently the secretary does not intend to abide by his vow, for recently in his speech in Boston he urged intervention in the war by the U. S. navy, without the consent of Congress. He even went so far as to order men-of-war to shoot at the enemy. This would mean war, and again without sanction by Congress. There is an explanation for Knox's attitude. He is a newspaper publisher, and his imagination sometimes stretches too far. He proved this during the 1936 campaign, when he was the running mate of Alf Landon. At that time his utterances cost his Republican party thousands of votes. This time he is hurting the Democratic administration. In many quarters the conviction predominates that Knox is the wrong man in the wrong place in these critical times. Anti-war elements in Congress plan proceedings to remove him from office. Whether they will succeed is a different question, at least for the time being. (Editorial) (13)

ITALIAN: L'Araldo

July 11: 8/3,4 - Repr. Martin Dies has predicted that within 30 days Hitler will be master of Russia: therefore, it is necessary that the United States prepare for an emergency never before equaled in history. With victory Hitler will have at his disposal more resources than all the rest of the world put together and America will be in greater danger than at any other time. The tragedy lies in the fact that our people do not realize the seriousness of the situation. America is still asleep.

Contrary to this alarming pessimism is the fact that America has a surplus of resources and therefore need not fear an invasion. America must not send soldiers to Europe to restore English predominance; she must keep her powerful fleet and air force for her own defense. This is the secure basis of spiritual unity of the American people. We want to participate in the redemption of the world from all tyrannies, thereby making America a powerful projector of light. We are ready to follow America with absolute loyalty and calm serenity. (S. Sisca in a column by Il Romeo) (16)

July 18: 13/1,2 - America and other nations of the world are influenced by the perfidy of England and are following her willingly or unwillingly. America is becoming engulfed in a disastrous military policy, which is costing more than an eye, to defend democracy in the world, but especially to defend the British empire. The public debt has reached 48 billion dollars, and expenses will increase. Industries lack the necessary material for production. The standard of living will be lowered even here in this very rich country. England is doing everything possible to maintain the prestige of the pound sterling in the world and cares little for the needs of others. American exporters know, for example, that England is selling products in South America similar to those obtained from the United States under the lend-lease act.

"Rather than defense of democrary, say: defense of English commerce, with great perfidy, by damaging her protectors and benefactors." (Article by Giovanni Vicario) (20)

EXTENDING THE TERM OF ARMY SERVICE

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

July 17: 2/1,2 - It is up to Congress to decide whether the military service of our drafted soldiers shall be extended beyond the one-year limit. The proposition was made by Gen. Marshall and supported by President Roosevelt. The deeper motives for this demand are not revealed to the general public, but Congress undoubtedly will insist on further information. Independent of the attitude of Congress towards the chief of staff, a party political controversy must be avoided under any circumstances. Nothing would be more detrimental to the morale of our young army than the knowledge that after passage of the extension measure, the opposing side would make political capital out of the action. On the other hand, it is easy to comprehend the standpoint of those who maintain that the contract between government and draftee called for only one year's service. Should the army leaders fail in their attempt to prolong the term of duty, there may be a possibility of inducing the draftees to volunteer to continue their service.

The main point is to try to find a solution without augmenting the present bitter party fight. (Editorial) (12)

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

July 15: 2/1,2 - Great debates are in sight in Congress about the extension of the time of military service of the draftees and national guardsmen. There will be many pro and con arguments. The most proper thing for the present is to keep our minds open and wait. However, it is advisable to bear one thing in mind: The military measures taken in Washington are and must remain, under all circumstances, free of politics. Party politics have no place in national defense. President Roosevelt does not play politics; he does not satisfy his personal whims when he makes military moves; he talks them over with his most eminent military experts. It makes no difference who is a Republican and who is a Democrat. The fundamental question is whether these moves will be strategically advantageous to the defense of the country.

Those who still dwell on the prologue of the 1940 presidential election are doing a disservice to the country. It must be understood before anything else that national unity is not an empty phrase.

Let us wait till the debates in Congress come to an end. By that time we will have formed our opinions. Let us not spoil the air with insinuations, spiritual somersaults, and intimidations. (Editorial) (16)

ARMY DISCIPLINE

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

July 11: 7/7 - Lt. Gen. Ben Lear caused considerable trouble. He was playing golf in company with some dames in shorts at a time when his troops were returning from maneuvers. The soldiers, being full of life, yoohoo-ed at the girls as they passed. Whereupon the general, wishing to show his authority, ordered a 30-mile march for the tired troops.

We should have discipline in the army, but to inflict punishment on the soldiers because some golfing general feels that his fair partner, in slacks or shorts, has been insulted by soldiers who are full of life, is going a bit too far. The general should have controlled his temper. America is not Prussia where an officer could slap a soldier's face while the soldier had to stand at attention. America wants discipline, but she also wants her generals to get along with her troops. (Column by "Whistler") (22)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

July 12: 1/6 - Three hundred fifty soldiers were disciplined by their general because they called out and whistled to a group of girls on a golf course. This action stirred up much dust in many places, including Congress. Our opinion is that if the boys were young and healthy and, as such, full of youthful zest and had remained quiet while riding past the beautiful girls, then they would have deserved punishment. Then they would not have been soldiers any longer and would have been unworthy of wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam. They are not wooden soldiers! (Unsigned article) (7)

THE IMMIGRANT AND THE EMERGENCY

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

June 25: 2/1,2 - The fact that 330,000 German nationals in the United States have been forbidden to leave this country is not cause for alarm. They will not lose their property, but they may not send any money abroad; they are free to go about their business as usual, with the exception of having to observe certain regulations. We must bear in mind that we are in a state of national emergency, which causes discomfort to everybody. Nevertheless, we treat our noncitizens, Germans and Italians included, more fairly than any other country. The United States is a haven of democracy for all who act sensibly. Most aliens have intended to become citizens and to live and die here. This temporary measure, as well as others which are bound to come, should not affect them greatly. (Editorial) (10)

July 12: 2/1,2 - The sale of American defense bonds is in full swing. James Twohy, governor of the federal home loan bank system, who plays an effective part in this matter, has established the fact that a great many buyers are foreign-born. The agency under Twohy's direction includes 3,900 branches, all of which work with the foreign-born and some of which are managed exclusively by foreign-language groups. The foreign-born who utilize the services of this agency are good Americans, realizing the difference between our way of living and that of the old country. They work for liberty and financial independence. They seize the opportunity to invest their money in government bonds, for they know that America must be prepared, if she is to be preserved. The final result will prove that those who emigrated from other lands to enjoy our liberty did more than their share in defense by buying defense bonds and stamps. (Editorial) (10)

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

July 15: 2/6,7 - Raymond Wilson, secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, in a lecture at Whittier College in California, approved the idea that the United States and the South American countries should admit as many European refugees as possible. He asserted that people who become acquainted with the atrocities of dictators over there will be ardent fighters for democracy and liberty.

In these troubled times, when even a democratic country harbors hatred toward foreigners, it makes one feel good to read news like this. There are people in America who see a spy in every immigrant. America admitted after the World War that certain circles went too far and confused real patriotism with intolerance.

The wise learns by his own experience. Let us hope that the people of

America will not commit acts for which they will have to apologize when the times of peace and criticism return. (Column by Figyelo) (8)

July 17: 1/6,7 - The American Hungarian Federation received information from several sources that contrary to the emphatically expressed wishes of the President of the United States, persons of Hungarian extraction whose loyal citizenship is beyond question are either being discharged from certain factories, business establishments, and offices or are experiencing insurmountable difficulties in obtaining employment. Since such arbitrary and unpatriotic acts or attitudes are in direct contrast with the official and announced policies of the government and particularly jeopardize national unity, which is of paramount importance in these critical times, the American Hungarian Federation will take the most energetic steps in every one of such cases brought to its attention. We appeal, therefore, through the Hungarian language press to all our brethren of Hungarian descent to report to the central office of the federation every case of which they have positive knowledge. In order to be able to act rapidly and effectively, we must know the name and correct address of the individual discharged or refused employment, also the correct name and address of the factory, office, business, and so forth. Other facts which throw light upon the situation will help us in our efforts in the interest of our Hungarian brethren. (Letter by Dr. Tibor Kerekes, executive secretary, American Hungarian Federation, 893 17 st. N. W., Washington, D. C.) (Underscored passages are in italics in the newspaper) (10)

July 19: 2/1,2 - The Cleveland Hungarian Jewish League invested more than half of its assets in national defense bonds. This is a good example, worthy of following. American Hungarian associations and individuals cannot put their money into a safer investment.

There is no safer or more proper thing in the world than an investment in the future of the United States. (Editorial) (5)

July 19: 2/6,7; 6/5 - One-fourth of the foreign-born, one-half of American Jewry, and the largest Negro city are in New York state. Therefore, it is proper that this state should initiate the fight against those who practice racial or religious discrimination in national defense work.

Herbert H. Lehman, governor of New York, appointed a committee on discrimination in employment, with Frieda S. Miller, industrial commissioner of New York state, as chairman.

"We want to fight two kinds of discrimination practiced all over the country. One is based on nationality and the other on race or religion. Many German and Italian workers are unable to find work in spite of being loyal citizens of the United States. The second type of discrimination makes it impossible for Negro and Jewish workers to find employment, especially in national defense industries. Such acts lead to discord and disunity. Yet the greatest national unity and co-operation are needed just now," said Commissioner Miller.

The Common Council for American Unity deals also with this problem and so does Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who wrote in her column, My Day:

"Certain things which have been called to my attention cause me serious worry. For instance, certain industries refuse to employ people just because their names sound German or Italian or because they were actually born in Germany or Italy. But we must not forget that our

country is composed of various races and nationalities. Some arrived only recently and are trying to arrange for their citizenship; others, although born in a foreign land, have been citizens for a long time. It is possible that these people are more loyal to the democratic form of government than many citizens who take democracy for granted. We must have faith in them; we must encourage them to have faith in the country and to love their new homeland and their neighbors. They must share equally with others the opportunities of employment and must be protected by the laws of the country just as we are." (Unsigned article) (32)

ITALIAN: L'Araldo

July 11: 8/1-4 - While the campaign against discrimination continues fervidly, out comes the usual Pegler, with the audacity of irresponsible fools for whom journalistic success means being always contrary.

Mr. Pegler proposes to affirm the superiority of the citizen born in America over the naturalized citizen by creating a "Class B" citizenship; consequently the immigrant becomes a new species of the "free." This idea is contrary to the Constitution and to common and moral sense. We must prepare ourselves for the defense of our dignity and our honor as men and citizens. Pegler, up to a certain point, could have been considered a lone eccentric who attacked everyone, from the President down, with the temerity of a rash and inconsiderate boy.

The Italian Americans not only await with a serene conscience the judgment of history, but call upon it and hasten it in the supreme interest of the adopted fatherland. It is possible that one day America will want the old immigrants and citizens to rebuild that which certain natives have destroyed and which others have allowed to be destroyed. (Editorial by M. T.) (30)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

July 3: 1/2 - The St. Clair Savings and Loan Company, a Slovenian bank, reports that in the last six months 208 new savings accounts were opened and 98 new loans were made, 30 per cent of which were for building new homes. During this same period the company increased its assets by approximately $160,000. All depositors were paid three per cent interest a year, all stockholders received dividends which ammounted to $2 a share for one year. The company is doing its full share in the part of national defense. The officials say that the bank's sale of defense bonds is progressing very rapidly and advise all who can afford it to invest their money in this manner. (8)

GERMAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

July 15: 2/6 - Two officials of German consulates in America committed suicide in one week. It seems they found death more desirable than return to Germany. They probably compared American life with life in Germany, of which they had first-hand information, and the result was: suicide. If representatives of Germany are not enthusiastic about the present German regime, there must be thousands of Germans in Germany who suffer and long for a free life. (Column by Figyelo) (5)

THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR

CZECH: Svet-American

June 28: 2/1-4 - Germany's Drang nach Osten has entered its last and decisive stage. Hitler, by invading Russia, wants to conclude what he started in Munich. France and England before Munich wanted to be reconciled with Nazi Germany, were terribly disappointed, and paid dearly for their policy. Russia after Munich tried to be reconciled with Germany, also was disappointed, and is now paying for her mistake. If our Lindberghs, Wheelers, and their companions needed any new proof that appeasement with Germany is impossible, they have it now.

Hitler needs new victories for his market at home. The new Napoleon may reach Moscow, and maybe the Ural, but he will not escape his fate. He will not win against the united resources of England, America, and Russia. Hitler's fate is sealed. (Editorial by Josef Martinek) (63)

July 9: 2/1-4 - It usually is said of Hitler that he is responsible for all the misery which we are witnessing. It is a tragedy of mankind that this offspring of hell personifies the big majority of the German nation. The Germany of Schiller, Goethe, and other great poets and humanitarians is dead. The Germany of today adores Thor, ancient Teutonic god of thunder, and Friedrich Nietzsche, philospher of might and force. Hitler gained more and more adherents until he has become an idol of the great majority of Germans and has begun to realize his plans of making the Germans the reigning race. In this respect Hitler went further than Napoleon or any other modern or ancient conquerer.

Whenever Hitler spoke he pretended to be the savior of mankind, expressed his friendship for the workers, and derided democracy as a rule of wealth, although he himself is surrounded by plutocrats and the German nobility. On this road to make the Germans the ruling race Hitler has become involved in a gigantic struggle with Russia, the outcome of which will have an immense influence on the future course of mankind for many years.

Russia pays a terrible penalty for letting herself be deceived by Hitler. Today Russia is on the same front with the democracies. She is in a most terrible war with the enemy of mankind. We should remember that she is fighting and shedding her blood not only for the European democracies but also for the United States. (Editorial) (30)

July 19: 2/1-4 - President Roosevelt warned the American nation of German peace offers. If they will be made depends on the development of the war with Russia but it is certain that the Berlin government will propose them. If the Germans get hold of Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev, the German peace

offensive can be expected because even Hitler with his wild and fanatic hordes cannot fight indefinitely. It is also expected that the peace offer will be very enticing and delusive. It was said that it will include the formation of a European federation in which every nation would have full cultural freedom, customs barriers would be abolished, Germany would retain only the foreign policy and economic control, and permanent peace and friendship would prevail among the European nations.

We are afraid that many people can be found, even here in America, who will fall for this German peace offensive. If a far-sighted statesman was at the head of the German nation, some good could eventually be said of such a European federation. But we must reckon with the fact that at the head of the German nation is a furious, fanatical murderer in whom there is as much humanity as in a mad dog and with whom it is impossible to conclude a peace or to form a federation. He must and he will be removed if Great Britain and Russia, with substantial help from the United States, hold out and if nations groaning under the brutal German yoke rise and fight for freedom. (Editorial) (32)

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

June 23: 2/1,2 - Besides the need for Ukrainian wheat, the question of German oil supply is the most important cause for hostilities between Germany and Russia. Realizing that the latter refused to deliver this product in sufficient quantities, Germany took to arms. This coveted oil also plays an important part in America's relations with Japan. This country is by far the greatest oil producer and also owns the second largest tanker fleet, which enables us to put Japan in a predicament, should we be compelled to shut off our supplies to her; but, according to recent reports, there is a friendly relationship between the two countries. The explanation for this is that we do not want to alienate Japan at the present time, while the battle in the Atlantic is being waged. Washington and London seem to have agreed to use diplomatic precaution.

Oil calms troubled waters. America profits by the wisdom of an old adage; Germany and Russia obviously did not. (Editorial) (14)

June 25: 2/1,2 - German nationalism and Russian bolshevism may run partly parallel, but in principle they are so different that they could not get along for any length of time. The wide-spread opinion is that the German forces will subdue their opponents within a few weeks, which would be a bitter disappointment to the British. The defeat of Russia would not only supply Germany with grain and oil, but would also open the road to the Near East and subsequently to Egypt and the Suez canal. With the Russian menace removed Germany could concentrate her entire power against Britain, her last and most important adversary.

Hitler has created so many precedents and has so often achieved the almost impossible that he might be able to accomplish what Charles XII, Napoleon, and von Hindenburg were unable to do. (Editorial) (12)

July 5: 2/1,2 - The Russo-German war confronts the United States with a very urgent problem. The possibility exists that the far eastern part of Siberia may fall into the hands of a power hostile to us, thus threatening us in a most vulnerable spot. The distances across the Atlantic are too great to be contemplated for an eventual attack, while the Bering

strait separates this continent from the Soviet Union by just a few miles. It is fantastic to consider the conquest of the entire Soviet territory by Germany, but political repercussions as a result of a triumphant entry into Moscow might well motivate Japan to get a foothold in Siberia and even to start a war with this country.

It is essential that the United States attain strategic superiority at the Bering strait. Advancing the date for completion of the fortifications at Dutch Harbor and their occupation by American armed forces by Sept. 1 is in close accord with the aforementioned considerations. (Editorial) (13)

July 9: 2/1,2 - A member of the British purchasing agency staff in Washington recently had a conversation with American newspapermen. One of the newspapermen remarked that, contrary to all expectations, the Russians would defeat Hitler's armies. He was aghast when the Englishman retorted, "For heaven's sake, I hope not!" At first this answer seems peculiar, but the Englishman explained that communism is always hanging over Europe like the sword of Damocles. Imagine a victorious Stalin! He would not threaten only Europe, but also Persia, Afghanistan, and India; his sphere of influence would extend even into Islam, and with China on his side the British possessions in the Far East would be in danger. The Britisher admits that he would prefer a German victory on the eastern front, but in case Germany loses, an alliance easily could be formed between France, England, and Germany. He personally would prefer to see Russia and Germany exhaust each other completely. Following the same logic, the United States might ally herself with Japan, as a Russian triumph would threaten both of these countries. This war has created odd bedfellows indeed, and one cannot be surprised at anything any more. (Editorial) (13)

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

June 26: 2/1,2 - The war with Russia ties up practically all of Hitler's forces and he is unable to continue his operations in Africa; he must decrease his activities on the seas and reduce the number of aerial attacks. Here is England's opportunity to try to cripple the German war industry by means of more intensive aerial offensives, thus intimidating the people of Germany and encouraging the peoples of the conquered countries. America's task is multiplying the aid to England. (Editorial)(16)

ITALIAN: L'Araldo

July 11: 16/2 - The Russians announce counter-attacks and spectaculer losses inflicted upon the enemy. The Germans, they say, when not retreating are pausing to bury their dead, which may number a million. However, one connumique admits that the Nazis have arrived within 75 miles of Leningrad.

This is a new way of retreating or pausing! Full recognition of the advance probably will be given when the invaders reach Siberia. The most tragic communications become humorous. (Unsigned article) (3)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

June 30: 4/1,2 - Now that the mad Nazi monster has thrown himself upon Russia the isolationists have an opportunity to come out anew with their old arguments of no aid to Russia. Obviously they do not realize that the menace is approaching America. They fail to see that should Russia lose the war Hitler's dream of world domination would be a step closer to realization. (Editorial) (11)

July 1: 4/3-8 - Winston Churchill in his last radio speech emphatically declared that, regardless of his opinion about bolshevism, the fact that the Russian people are fighting for their fatherland and are fighting England's enemy and the enemy of mankind makes the Russians England's friends and allies, and therefore England will give all possible technical and economic aid to Russia. The attitude of Jewry must be the same as Churchill's. Hitlerism is our greatest misfortune; Hitler is our worst enemy.

These circumstances are sufficient grounds for changing our former attitude towards the Soviet Union and for saying that Russia must be aided. She must be supported for the sole reason that she is fighting the enemy of the Jewish people and the enemy of humanity. (Article by N. Kravitz) (71)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

June 24: 2/2 - The Germans started the propaganda campaign in America to convince the United States and, through her, the entire world that the Germans are defending the world against communism. Hitler expects to find a large number of anti-Communists in this country who will help him in this campaign. The American people should be on the alert and see to it that this propaganda falls on barren soil. The right policy to follow is: Let Hitler defeat Stalin, and we will crush Hitler. Only then will peace come. (Editorial) (14)

June 28: 4/1 - Due to the invasion of Russia by the Germans the attitude of the Polish government deserves special attention. A state of war between Poland and Russia exists and will continue to exist until Russia renounces her claims to the territory she occupies in Poland. If Russia does that, she can expect the co-operation of the Poles. Russia must free 250,000 Polish soldiers from concentration camps as well as hundreds of thousands of Poles who were sent to Siberia, whose properties must be restored to them. This attitude of Poland has the support of Great Britain and the United States. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (30)

RUMANIAN: America

June 28: 2/1,2 - Because the Communists everywhere have ceased to be protectors of peace and champions of the workers and have put on the old and comfortable coat of democrary instead, it is well that we should make known certain facts. The intense propaganda of Communists against so-called imperialism was discontinued several hours after the Russo-German war was declared. Now they rejoice because Hitler and Stalin are engaged in smashing one another.

The war between the two dictator powers is purely an imperialistic

war. The democracies must take advantage of this oppoerunity to save themselves by using the same tactics as the despots. The decision of the United States and Great Britain to help Russia in this war against Germany is s page taken out of the strategic notebook of Germany and Russia.

Rumania is placed between the two imperialisms, and the Rumanian peasant is forced to fight beside the Nazis, his greatest enemy. However, there is no doubt that he will fight with only half the courage he displayed in the last war. The Rumanian soldier will go to war saying, "Let's go horse and may God help us," and he will die shouting, "God help the democratic countries, rid the world of these demons, and renew Rumania!" (24)

July 1: 2/3-6 - Dr. Goebbels' windmill, which ceased to announce victories in the last few weeks, has started to rumble again. In a series of communiques Goebbels announced colossal victories in the battle with the Communist dragon. However, those who heard him realized that these communiques are planned and re-edited with care to create confusion. Nobody knows how powerful the Russian army is, and after listening to the German propaganda machine we realize that the Russo-German war is not a repetition of the war against Belgium and Yugoslavia. Hitler must produce miracles to conquer the Russians in six weeks as he planned. Under the rain of Russian shells the German army may prove less invincible than it has on other war fronts. (Editorial) (28)

July 1: 3/3,4 - History may have reached one of its critical turning points in the German attack on Russia. In the future mankind may look back to June 22, 1941, and say, "There was the event which turned the tide of human destiny." This will be possible only if the nations and the peoples most concerned in working out their own fate seize the opportunity offered by this development. No one at this juncture can say how the conflict between the Red and the Brown totalitarian tyrannies will progress or what its outcome will be. It is safe to assume, however, that a breathing spell has been granted the democracies. In what manner they make use of it will fix the course of history. No time must be lost in taking full advantage of Hitler's preoccupation in eastern Europe to build up democratic defenses. This applies particularly to the United States. The need for increased effort can be judged by posing the question: What will the United States be compelled to do in order to survive if Hitler conquers Russia in a few weeks and has access to the oil, grain, and mineral resources of that vast domain? Ten times the present effort might not then be sufficient to check the Nazi Napoleon's drive for world power. This is why the Russo-German clash is a turning point in human history. If Hitler is victorious there, never again will there be a second front to absorb his attention; he can devote all of it to destroying the West. Wise men do not wait for fate to overtake them; they mold their own destinies. (English) (15)

July 8: 2/1,2 - Lindbergh, one of the most illustrious figures in America and Europe, overnight became the most determined exponent of the almighty Nazis. We have been doubting his patriotism and that of others who appear among us today demanding a place of honor on the scene of Americanism and democracy after bathing in brown, red, and tri-colored waters. After Hitler started against Russia it was to be expected that our colonel would condemn Hitler's action. On the contrary, he stated that he would rather see this country allied with Great Britain or even with Germany than with Russia. What does the colonel think now about the Russian pacts and

collaborations with Hitler? What does he think of an eventual pact between this country and such a monster as Hitler?

Lindbergh is hard to convince, as are all those who are inclined toward Moscow and Berlin. They forcefully stick their fingers in their eyes, preferring to see only what they wish and not what really exists. (Editorial) (26)

July 19: 2/1,2 - The departure from the Japanese government of Matsuoka, friend of Hitler and "ally" of Stalin, caused speculation in the capitals of countries vitally interested in the foreign policies of Japan. Japan has reached the point where she must decide between an alliance with Nazi powers or with the democracies and Soviet Russia. Matsuoka committed a blunder when visiting Hitler; he allowed himself to be tricked into going again to Moscow and signing a good-neighbor and friendship pact with Russia, a dangerous neighbor.

Germany is now at war with Russia, and as a result Japan now must decide what course to take so as not to lose everything. The war with China proved to be a costly adventure. From all indications, the militarist clique of Tokyo is again making the bed in which Japan will have to sleep. There is no doubt that the Tokyo clique will decide on that move which involves the smallest risk and promises the greatest advantages. Either Japan's army will go against Russia, in case she is defeated by the Germans, or will be sent to play Hitler's hazardous game in the Pacific. In either case Japan will meet the armies of the three great powers: Britain, the United States, and Russia.

As far as the United States is concerned the situation in Japan, although important from many points of view, still indicates that we should help Great Britain and Russia. (Editorial) (27)

RUMANIA: Foaia Popurului

June 29: 1/1,2; 2/1,2 - Now the Bolsheviks realize the evil they did when they jumped on Rumania and Finland, taking away part of their land and thus making them their enemies. People ask, Can the Russian army stop the German, Rumanian, and Finnish armies? We believe that Stalin's army will be defeated in a short time and the Germans will occupy the Ukraine and other Russian provinces. Rumania will occupy Bessarabia, and Finland will occupy the territories yielded to Russia. The Russians will be freed from the Nazi yoke only when the Nazis finally are beaten by the capitalistic countries. Hitler and Stalin will break their necks, and the German and the Russian peoples will escape the two tyrants. After both countries are freed they will return to the democratic system of government. (Unsigned article) (28)

July 13: 1/1,2; 2/1,2 - The boasting of the Bolsheviks in America that Soviet Russia is well prepared to fight against capitalistic countries, including Germany, is not worth a frozen onion. The thousands of Russian airplanes and tanks destroyed by Hitler's troops are the best proof that the Red army cannot compare with that of the Germans.

The Bolsheviks are now paying for mistakes made in the past and nobody feels sorry for them. Although we do not like German militarism and Hitler's intentions of conquering the world through force, we believe that

Russia deserves this lesson. Only yesterday Stalin's agents in foreign countries were digging England's grave, and the Moscow government was flirting with Hitler and planned strikes in America. Now they have the nerve to urge us to save Russia! Why don't they enlist in the Red army and fight against Nazi Germany? They now have a good opportunity to show their love for communism and to sacrifice themselves for it. We believe the dollar is dearer to them and that they will leave heroic deeds to their comrades in Russia.

The world expects to hear some day that Hitler and Stalin have broken their necks. No one will cry for them or their system. (Unsigned article) (27)

SLOVAK: Hlas

July 10: 6/3 - The Russo-German clash has brought the war closer to the United States. Should Russia come under Nazi domination, this nation's avowed enemy would be within striking distance of Alaska, Canada, and the continental United States. This is the time to clear the Atlantic of the German air and undersea menace. Only if British defenses are made impregnable by American materials while Germany is involved in the East can the battle for freedom of all nations be won. (Unsigned article in English) (12)

SLOVENIAN: Ameriska Domovina

June 25: 2/1-4 - With the signing of the ten-year nonaggression pact with Hitler, Stalin sold out the world and all his Slav brethren -- today he is paying dearly for it. The grenade which he uncapped and wanted to throw into the world exploded in his own hands. As much as we desired a total defeat of the Bolshevik regime we must keep a cool head because should Hitler defeat Russia he would get an unlimited supply of oil, wheat, war supplies, and industrial and raw materials. He would then be able to attack China and India and become a real partner of Japan. With all this achieved he would then turn toward the United States. The Russo-German war will give us time to prepare. We must make the most of it, because Hitler will not stop with the conquest of Russia in spite of what he says or promises. (Editorial) (38)

June 26: 1/6,7 - Roosevelt announced that America will help Russia, but he does not know what kind of aid to give her. We suggest that the government round up all the Communists in the United States and send them to the Russian front. They would make good soldiers because they have shown how well they obey orders from Moscow. They would quickly deny that they were or ever will be Communists, and declare that they are good citizens of Uncle Sam. (Unsigned article) (5)

June 30: 2/1-4 - Hitler's attack on Russia has much in common with Napoleon's march into Russia. Hitler is trying to conquer Russia and with her wealth defeat England. He hopes to gain the sympathy of the United States by his march on bolshevism. We make very little distinction between German and Russian dictators and hope for the defeat of both. In Europe there are few countries which would hope for Stalin's victory. No Slav nationality will warm up to Moscow because she left them like refuse in a sieve. How can we Slovenians wish for a Communist victory when Stalin

looked peacefully on while Hitler and Mussolini divided the holy Slovenian land? However, the Slovenians know that the people of Russia did not attack them, as Germany and Italy did. Their only enemies are Germany and Italy, and the Russians are a wall against which the hard heads of these enemies will be smashed. (Editorial) (42)

SLOVENIAN: Enakopravnost

June 28: 2/1,2 - We have seen fantastic and almost unbelievable events lately. However, among all questions as to why Hitler betrayed his former friend, the important ones are those which are going on in the head of Mussolini. The duce has before his eyes a horrible proof; he knows that, when Hitler has the opportunity or the necessity, he will cold-bloodedly stab him in the back, just as he stabbed Stalin last Sunday. (Editorial) (12)

July 1: 2/1,2 - Germany is propagating a holy war against "godless" Russia in which she has already enrolled Spain, France, Slovakia, Croatia, and other countries. The proclamation of this "holy" war is the greatest danger for democracy because Germany has bluffed credulous people who either are too lazy or incapable of thinking for themselves. Hitler's idea is to reach the Russian natural resources, without which he cannot continue his war. However, in spite of this there is no doubt that there are many birds who will get caught in his trap. Even in Cleveland we read reports on how Hitler scatters the Catholic priests and nuns in Slovenia, and a new "front" is being formed which will, if not directly, indirectly carry water to Hitler's and the Fascists' mill. The advance guard of this front will in a short time step forward. (Editorial) (16)

HITLER'S ALLIES -- VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

June 28: 2/1,2 - Hungary was pushed into the war by one man; Hitler. We loyal American citizens of Hungarian descent, who are devoted with heart and soul to this free country and fully participate in all its efforts, receive this new calamity to our old homeland with shaken spirit. The time will come, it must come — perhaps sooner than we dare to hope -- when Hitler, Stalin, and the other blood-thirsty monsters will be only nightmares of the past. The time will come when the long-suffering Hungarian people again will have peace, work, bread, and freedom. By supporting with all our strength and with all our thoughts this free United States and her just cause, we hasten the coming of those times. (Editorial) (28)

ITALIAN: L'Araldo

July 18: 8/1-4 - Until a few years ago the simple hypothesis of antagonism between the United States and Italy seemed something inconceivable, contrary to common sense, an abnormal monstrosity. Today it is a bitter reality. The two countries are enemies only because the two peoples, the United States and Italy find themselves on opposite sides in the present conflict. Establishing the fact that the two may shake hands after the conflict is the specific duty of Italian-American citizens, in homage to human peace and brotherhood, which are the highest expression of true patriotism and genuine democracy. Motives may exist in the conscience of the American people which induce this government to aid England. On the other side there are motives which have induced Italy to draw herself up against England. Freedom of the seas must not exist only for us; it should exist also for Italy, especially in the Mediterranean. This thought should eliminate all rancor toward Italy. (Editorial by M. T.) (26)

July 18: 8/3-5 - The International Christian Endeavor Society held its annual convention in Atlantic City. Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia addressed 6,000 delegates and announced a program of peace and justice for all. It is worthy of praise and demonstrates an honest desire for peace. Some people prefer war because they wish to write down peace terms with the edge of the victorious blade soaked in the blood of rebellious and defeated peoples.

What will America do if England refuses to establish the four freedoms proclaimed by President Roosevelt? If England had any intention to carry them out she would not make war, and there would no longer be any reason to fight. Some say that Hitler would not be content with restoring justice

because he wants to conquer the world. Italy and the other nations adhering to the axis are not fighting for German imperialism but for the right to live, for a place in the sun where they can work in peace and progress. On the day Hitler refuses to accept honest peace terms, everyone will abandon him to his fate. (S. Sisca in a column by Il Romeo) (24)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

July 1: 2/3,4 - Hitler attempts to make his war on Russia appear as a crusade to prevent Russia from getting help. He is forcing the countries which are under his wing to declare war. Slovakia has done so, and so has Hungary. These small countries are unimportant by themselves, but together with Finland and Roumania, they may give considerable help to Hitler, who will force them to great sacrifices with little or no reward.

Hitler plays for great stakes and creates a military brotherhood between the reich and the countries dominated by it. We doubt if this move will give Hitler the desired results. (Column by W. Gawronski) (26)

RUMANIAN: America

July 3: 2/3,4 - Independence Day will have a special significance for the citizens of Rumanian origin who gather at Hemrich Park July 4. Over 6,000 delegates and guests from Michigan are expected to take part and promise to protect American democracy. The leaders will appeal to the Americans of Rumanian origin to contribute all they have to the cause of national defense. A resolution will be adopted through which Americans of Rumanian origin will express disapproval of the attitude taken by Rumania's government in this war, especially lately. N. T. Cucu, member of the executive committee of the Rumanian American Central Committee of Michigan, said that, regardless of Rumania's army, we as American citizens do not approve of her association with the Nazis. He added that in the opinion of the committee it is Hitler, not the Rumanians, who is trying to regain Bessarabia from the Russians. (Unsigned article) (12)

SLOVAK: Hlas

June 26: 1/4 - Berlin wiggled its ear, and Tuka ordered Slovakia to mobilize. The slaves will crawl under the blows of the Nazi club and drive the Slovak boys into a fratricidal battle against Russia. (Comment in news item) (2)

July 3: 2/5 - For us American Slovaks it is humiliating news that unlucky Slovakia, which is under the rule of various opportunists and traitors, hurried to declare war against Russia. Thus Slovakia is at war with England and indirectly also with the United States. (Editorial) (7)

JAPAN AND THE WAR

HUNGARIAN: Szabadsag

July 9: 2/1,2 - At the beginning of the fifth year of the Sino-Japanese war the question arises whether the sons of the Rising Sun have learned their lesson. China's resistance, supported by the United States, is constantly increasing and the real war, as far as China is concerned, has just begun. The continued existence of Japan is now at stake. Will there be sensible men in Tokyo who will seek the way of escape? (Editorial)(14)

JEWISH: Yidishe Welt

July 16: 4/1,2 - We do not doubt for a moment that the United States is attempting to influence Japan against an attack on Siberia, which would greatly aid Hitler. Besides influence other methods also are used. Only last week ships loaded with American oil left San Francisco bay for Japan, and if we remember American prohibition on oil exports, we can easily understand what the lifting of that prohibition regarding Japan means. It is evident that Japan does not worry much about Hitler's campaigns. She knows well that Hitler cannot give her any assistance in her war against China. For that reason we believe that with smart diplomacy America could easily convince Japan of the futility of a campaign against Russia. (Editorial) (19)

POLISH: Wiadomosci Codzienne

July 8: 2/1,2 - Japan is not taking an active part in Hitler's "holy" war on Russia. We cannot attribute this to Japan's loyalty to Russia, and although Japan's army has been weakened by her war in China, it is still strong enough to attack Russia from the rear.

We see only one reason why Japan hesitates and that is her fear of the United States. That is why Hitler does not insist on Japan's entry into the war. He also fears American participation. (Editorial by Dr. W. Gawronski) (30)

July 17: 4/2 - The land of the Rising Sun will have a change in government. When Japan tires of her old policies, she forces the old cabinet to resign and the mikado names a new governing body. We wonder which faction will be in control and whether Japan will be pro- or anti-Nazi. One of her diplomats said that Japan will not pull Germany's chestnuts out of the fire, but one cannot tell in advance. It might even be that Japan will decide to attack America. The United States is preparing for all eventualities and has ordered the mining of the waters around the Philippines.

The decision which Japan makes in the next few days is important and will be for or against an early end of the war. If Japan renounces the Nazis, Germany will lose -- she cannot conquer the world alone. (Editorial) (18)

POST-WAR PROBLEMS

GERMAN: Waechter und Anzeiger

July 7: 2/1,2 - From time to time the world has been warned that the nations and their governments must be prepared for a change in their economic system after the war. These warnings appear superfluous in view of the fact that at present Germany and Russia are fighting, involving many other countries; that no end is in sight for the war between Germany and Great Britain; and finally that influential circles in the United States try relentlessly to involve us in the hostilities. W. L. Batt, one of the leaders in the office of production management, testified before a congressional committee that at present a world revolution is in progress and that we are in the midst of it. Regardless of how the war comes out, conditions will not be the same as before 1939. Batt is of the opinion that we will have a "dictation" after the war. He realizes that total economic planning tied up with political control never can be successful in a democratic country, but he believes anyhow that in the future we must have a more intelligently planned utilization of the productive machinery of our nation. The justification of these utterances becomes obvious if one imagines what will happen the moment our defense industry comes to a standstill. It would cause a catastrophic disorganization of commerce and industry. The longer this moment is delayed, the more terrible will be its consequences. It remains to be seen if these consequences can be softened by a planned economy, based on political and economic dictation. There is probably no other way out. (Editorial) (15)

COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS

From the Cleveland Negro Press

THE QUESTION OF U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR

GUIDE

July 5: sec.II: 2/4-6 - This man Hitler and his war present a peculiar hue to observers. Evidently put to a greater task than had been his previous lot in the application of the blitzkrieg, the World War corporal has sent a feeler to England for peace, based on an expressed desire to wipe Soviet Russia and communism from the globe with Churchill's co-operation.

Hitler cannot be trusted in any change or turn of pace, besides, no one would want to trust him, with his ideologies so opposed to the Christian way of thinking and attempted democratic living. Negroes could not trust him because he believes them to be inferior human beings, capable only of being slaves.

If the United States wants to stop Hitler and destroy the Nazi ideology, the time to do it is now when that man is fighting huge Russia on one front and the British royal air force on the other. If on the other hand Great Britain and the United States are standing on the side-lines waiting for the Red giant and the brown-shirted trooper to slay each other, they may have a long wait and a disastrous one. Both should get in and battle furiously to destroy the more aggressive and currently hated of the two belligerents. England is doing all she can and the United States should join "all out" in guaranteeing the continuance of democracy, with all its faults. (Column by William A. Fowlkes) (12)

July 5: sec.II: 3/3,4 - Hitler indicated he knew something about the weakness of human nature when in his book, Mein Kampf, he predicted that when the war should get going, each nation would try to stay out until it was too late.

In 1939 Churchill invited all neutral nations to come in and help to stop the mad dog before each of them should be bitten. For a reply he received a chorus like this: You just want us to come in and help to pull your British chestnuts out of the fire. Hitler must have smiled, if he can smile.

But for England, Hitler would have had a walkaway in Europe, and would now be pounding at the gates of the New World.

For at least a year now the United States has been doing something besides trying to save herself alone by cowardly inaction, thanks chiefly to the brains and intestinal fortitude of Franklin D. Roosevelt. If we

had been willing to follow the President in 1939 when he carried through the battle to repeal our foolish neutrality embargo, we would be better off in our preparations -- we would be now where we will be in 1942, if God and British heroism give us a few more months of time to keep going. But even as it stands today, any enemy will find us ready to fight. (Column by William Pickens) (11)

THE NEGRO'S STAKE IN THE WAR

GUIDE

July 5: sec.II: 2/5,6 - With the Nazi ideology bidding for world supremacy, its repercussions already are being felt in this country. There will be no need for the Germans to come here and oppress the Negro as a minority group; there are those here just waiting for the go sign from Hitler and they will be ready to pounce upon the defenseless Negroes with fury which can be leashed only by the spread of intelligence and general enlightenment.

Down in Texas they cannot wait for Hitler's go sign and so give one of their own. The Negro who enlists and fights for the defense of this country is making the only assault he possibly can make toward the defeat of nazism a la Texas.

The Negro who is indifferent to the fortunes of this war is pitiable. (Column by Dean Gordon B. Hancock) (7)

DEMOCRACY VERSUS TOTALITARIANISM

HERALD

July 12: 6/1,2 - There seems to be a common assumption among many so-called thinking people that when this war is over the remaining democracies will have to live under a taint of socialism. In other words, the idea is prevalent that we cannot survive the ordeal without absorbing some of the poison that has given civilization such a bellyache. Here in our own country many public officials and thousands of private citizens cry in alarm against appeasement, yet they propose after the war to attempt a compromise with the very thing that they now claim cannot be compromised with, cannot be appeased -- authoriatarian government.. A Hitler is simply the result when authoriatarian government reaches maturity.

Right now in this country we are condoning a compromise with the forces that destroy freedom for the individual. We are allowing our basic industries, the key to the whole free enterprise system, to be edged ever closer to government domination, apparently in the belief that it cannot be helped in view of the world trend.

If we try to appease the forces of socialism by allowing the government gradually to absorb the utilities, the banks, the railroads, and mining and oil industries, under the guise of creating a better post-war society, we are heading for trouble.

We have seen that in Europe power graspers cannot be appeased. We have not yet found it out at home. (Editorial) (16)

July 12: 6/5,6 - A nation as well as an individual is known by what it believes. The beliefs of the totalitarian regimes have been clearly stated. They believe in the sanctity and supremacy of the state and the complete subservience of the individual. He is but a pawn in their struggle for world-wide domination. His work, his religion, his home, and his children are directly under the control of his master, the state, and its self-appointed rulers. He may read, listen to, and say only what they wish. Even his beliefs are regulated and regimented.

In a democracy the individual is a man, ready to stand up and be counted as one. In a totalitarian regime, by whatever name it calls itself, be it Nazi, Fascist, or Communist, he is a slave.

Let those who wish to be free men therefore consider what they believe and let them stand up at all times for democracy which, imperfect though it may be, still proclaims the sanctity of the individual and gives him freedom to live and to pass on a greater measure of freedom to each succeeding generation. (Column by Ruth Taylor) (11)

LABOR AND NATIONAL SAFETY

CALL AND POST

July 19: sec.II: 12/1-8 - The high-handed tactics of certain labor elements are not only injurious to the cause of our national defense, but they bid fair to thwart labor's claim for sympathy and consideration from the nation in its just contention for a living wage.

Today brings the show-down between the nation and the CIO, and it is our fervent hope that President Roosevelt will stand firm and settle once and for all these strike threats that are nullifying our efforts to stem the tide of Hitlerism. It seems that there are some labor elements bent on selling our nation into the hands of the Germans. Judas sold his Master for 30 pieces of silver; but these covetous and designing laborites would sell our nation for "so much per hour." Selling our great country is about as despicable a bargain as it is humanly possible to make. What is far more important, when these elements sell out their country, they are also selling the lives of thousands of young Americans who have been called to the colors. Out of fairness to the defenders of our country, whose lives are laid upon the altars of sacrifice, these strikes should cease immediately. How long can this nation temporize with traitors and their treasons while its loyal Negroes are just waiting for a chance to give all to their country. When prejudice gets so deeply rooted that upon its altars a nation offers the blood of its youth and the safety of its firesides, it is high time that we count the cost: a nation for sale -- at so much an hour. (Editorial by Gordon B. Hancock) (40)

GAZETTE

July 12: 2/1,2 - Certain labor leaders in the United States set themselves and their demands above the welfare and safety of the nation. They dictate to government as well as to industry and the worker.

There is only one force that can control them -- public opinion, which eventually controls the government. The welfare of the public is threatened on all sides by rule-or-ruin labor leadership.

Labor must realize that when the safety of the nation is in jeopardy, anything can happen. If the people are driven too far, they will be forced to demand a government dictatorship that will end labor dictatorship. And if that happens, the eventual result will be the destruction of the kind of freedom we have all enjoyed. (Editorial) (8)